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Things I remember about John Fetzer

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- I remember twinkling eyes, sense of humor especially for “dirty” jokes (no longer permitted in works situations), a mind which worked incredibly well, curiosity, the willingness to explore the unconventional, and most importantly for him was the importance of love.
- I met Mr. Fetzer when I became a board member of the Fetzer Institute. Accompanying a painful divorce, I experienced a number of “psychic” experiences, which led me to try and demonstrate that “healing energy” existed and could be proven scientifically. There was a natural fit in this interest by Mr. Fetzer, the Fetzer Institute, as well as myself.
- I remember visiting Mr. Fetzer with Rob Lehman and Janis Claflin in the spring of 1990. The three of us were the executive committee of the board of trustees. He eagerly engaged with us as we discussed the progress at the Institute. Despite his cardiac status, he seemed healthy. Subsequently, I learned from Tom Beaver, that he had spent the morning getting ready for us, demonstrating the importance he still placed in the Institute he created. Following this, I begin to call weekly with the best joke I heard. He was always appreciative.
- The February 1991 board of trustees meeting was held in Hawaii where Mr. Fetzer had moved. My memory is that the house was chosen by Mr. Fetzer’s psychic, Jim Gordon, who opined that the spot was connected by an energy vortex to Shambala. This was the board meeting that gave final approval for the five-hour series “Healing and the Mind” with Bill Moyers. I came to the board meeting early hoping to spend some individual time with Mr. Fetzer. We spent over an hour together. I was very surprised how sharp his thinking was. He was totally up to date on Institute progress. We had a detailed discussion on what would be needed to prove that the Rife microscope was legitimate.
- At the end of our time together, I discussed the difficulties I was having in my present relationship. Mr. Fetzer’s final words to me were: “Remember at the end of the day, the only thing that is important is love”.
- Additional descriptors and thoughts of Mr. Fetzer:
 - Curiosity,
 - Importance of science,
 - Non-Dogmatic,
 - Led by evidence,
 - Like a cat with nine lives,
 - Travel with the Detroit Tigers,
 - Met with healers and psychics behind closed doors,
 - Chinese Garage inventors,
 - Ley lines and Institute location seeker,
 - Hitler’s pistol,
 - Past lives in the hall of records,
 - Walt Disney cryogenically preserved in the basement of the Institute.